

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1586**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2000

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports without recommendation, and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1586.

This bill, as amended, would authorize as a pilot program the imposition of a "waste management services tax" in Monmouth county to be used exclusively to fund solid waste management programs, services and activities in the county. This pilot program was requested by the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders following lengthy discussions between the board and the county's municipalities about the county's solid waste needs.

Under the terms of the bill, the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders would be authorized to establish, by resolution, a "waste management services tax," to be assessed and collected in the same manner as the county purposes tax on real property. The "waste management services tax" would appear and be identified as a separate county line item on the property tax bills.

The Board of Freeholders of Monmouth County would be required to file a report with the Governor and the Legislature not later than two years following the adoption of the resolution establishing a "waste management services tax." The report would address the effects of the "waste management services tax" on the tipping fees for the county landfill and on the property tax burden of the average county taxpayer.

The committee amended the bill to require the pilot program to expire at the end of the third year next following enactment.